Trade Agreement with Japan and Russia

†906. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed/going to sign any bilateral trade agreement with Japan and Russia; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In so far as Russia is concerned the Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation between India and the Russian Federation signed in 1992 provides the basic framework for Indo-Russian trade and economic cooperation. The Government of India and the Government of Japan signed an agreement on commerce in 1958.

One code name for two operations

907. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether code name "VIJAY OPERATION" was given to the operation of Indian Army carried out to liberate Goa in December, 1961;

(b) whether the same name "VIJAY OPERATION" was also given to repel the attack of Pakistani Army in Kargil Sector, a few years back; and

(c) if so, reasons for giving one code name?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The Indian Army operation in Goa in 1961 as well as in Kargil in 1999 were accorded similar name, "OPERATION VIJAY". The similarity in the names of the two operations is a matter of coincidence.

Letter from a Minister regarding Denel deal

908. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry had received any communication dated June, 10,2004 forwarded by Smt. Renuka Chowdhary, the then Minister of Tourism,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.